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CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY, MOGADISCIO FOR DICK MOOSE, STATE PASS WHITE
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SUBJECT: STATUS OF LAGOS "MINI-SUMMIT" ON RHODESIA

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1. I WISH TO ADD THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO THE REPORT CONTAINED
IN REFTEL ON MY CONVERSATION WITH GARBA LAST NIGHT ON RHODESIA.
2. GARBA INDICATED THAT HE WAS OPPOSED TO AN "ALL-PARTIES
MEETING" IN THE NEAR FUTURE WHICH WOULD BRING TOGETHER THOSE WHO
SUPPORT THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN AND THOSE WHO SUPPORT THE INTERNAL
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SETTLEMENT PLAN. IN HIS VIEW SUCH A GATHERING WOULD BE UNDESIRABLE
BECAUSE IT WOULD APPEAR TO PLACE THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN ON EQUAL
FOOTING WITH THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT. IN CONTRAST, HE WANTED A
SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM THAT WOULD ENABLE
THE AFRICAN STATES, THE US, THE UK AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL AS A
WHOLE TO REAFFIRM THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN AS THE PROPER FRAMEWORK
FOR A RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT. SUCH AN ENDORSEMENT AT THIS TIME

WOULD MAKE CLEAR TO THE WORLD THAT IT IS ONLY THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN WHICH HAS STRONG INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT AND SHOULD BE THE FOUNDATION UPON WHICH A RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT IS BUILT. GARBA APPEARED TO REGARD SUCH ACTION BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL AS AN IMPORTANT STEP IN EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS AS THE FRONT RUNNER IN COMPETITION WITH THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT PLAN.

3. COMMENT: GARBA' APPARENT OPPOSITION TO AN ALL-PARTIES MEETING IS IN MARKED CONTRAST WITH WHAT AKADIRI TOLD ME AND SAM FALLE A WEEK AGO (LAGOS 3139). ONCE AGAIN WE ASK OURSELVES WHETHER GARBA IS SHOOTING FROM THE HIP AND THE EXTENT TO WHICH HE AND AKADIRI SPEAK FOR ABSANJO'S PRESENT VIEWS ON THIS QUESTION.
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